

-GLASTONBURY-

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The Fine Guide to Glastonbury Festival

Getting Together

Travel light, with less to haul across fields in the dark, as just about all of your needs except shelter can be met on site. However, because the Banks have refused to service their customers here

please write to yours and complain), you may need to know the whereabouts of local cash points. These can be obtained from Information. **Only bring what you can afford to lose, but please don't bring any animals, wax flares, bottles or canned beer - they will not be admitted.** Essential valuables can be left at the free Property Lock-Ups clearly marked in all of the camping areas, open 24 hours. Cheap loo rolls and soap can be purchased at PLUs. Remember the tent poles.

Getting There

The 600 acre site is on the edge of Pilton village off the A361 between Shepton Mallet and Glastonbury. It makes sense to travel by public transport if you possibly can, reducing congestion and pollution. The Festival is very keen to encourage all forms of public transport. Spread the load, come early, but not before 9am Wednesday 21st June to pick the choicest spot and get in the mood.

By Rail: BR are laying on extra trains to Castle Cary station from where there is a free coach shuttle for ticket holders only to the Festival Bus Station (about 700 metres downhill to Entrance 2, coded GREEN)

By Coach: National Express are running services from all over the country to the Festival Bus Station, including direct routes from Manchester, Stockport, Stoke, Bradford, Leeds, Liverpool, Chester, Sheffield, Nottingham, Leicester, Birmingham and London. For details of your nearest coach agents call the Agent Hotline 0345 010104. Telephone bookings with your plastic details to Nationcall 0990 80 80 80. Young Persons Discount Card (16-25) costs £7 and can pay for itself on this trip. Badgerline are running direct buses from Bath and Bristol.

By Road: From the West, North and East head for the A361 and follow the RED entrance signs. From the South and South-East head for the A37 and follow the BLUE entrance signs. If disabilities need to be catered for, follow the RED signs. People with disabilities have their own parking, camping and viewing areas, but are advised that the site is a hilly dairy farm with rough tracks. Mud has been known.

For caravans and living vans an independent site has been arranged towards Glastonbury on the A361 where normal charges will apply. Other car parking is just outside the security fence and is therefore quite separate from camping areas. Resist paying for off-site private car parking, it is neither more secure or as cheap as the Festival car parks - which are free. Try to note where your car is parked. Don't park on the grass verges - you'll be towed away at great expense and inconvenience.

The drop-off/pick-up point is at the Festival Bus Station (colour coded Green) on the A361 on the Shepton Mallet side of Pilton village. Once within range (about 15 miles) Radio Avalon on 87.7 FM is good for traffic news and music. Be prepared for traffic hold-ups remembering to keep all passengers watered in sunny weather, using loos well before the site in case of delays.

Car Sharing: Can you give or do you need lifts to and from UK Festivals, or between cities for the rest of the year? Shared transport is cheaply and safely arranged by the national lift-share agency - Freewheelers. Help reduce the number of cars on the road. Join the 12,000 members by calling 0191 222 0090 in advance, saving money and helping reduce pollution. Contributions to drivers is 3.5p per mile per passenger, for example making Leeds to Glastonbury about £7. Freewheelers are on site near the Meeting Point.

Getting In and Out

If you have your friend's ticket it is essential to get it to them before the Festival. Don't expect to be able to meet a friend at the Gate. Having your ticket ready to show at the entrance helps enormously, but **don't give it to anyone even if they look like stewards until you reach the pedestrian turnstiles at the perimeter fence.** Until then keep your ticket secure - it is worth a lot of money especially when they're all sold out. Please trust the passout system, and make sure that you comply with whatever system is being operated if you exit and plan to return. Beware leaving your car unattended as you either unload or load it up.

Mobile mechanics at Red Entrance sort motor problems without fleecing you.

Getting On

600 acres is huge and tiring on foot. Not counting any delightful distractions or baggage it takes at least an hour in daylight to walk from end to end. Campsite wardens & Info can suggest places to pitch. Try to note where you camped in relation to a numbered fire point or other landmark. Surroundings change dramatically when dark falls and more tents get erected.

Be patient. If a moving crowd situation develops then try not to add to it. Take heed of stage announcements which offer alternative routes away from a potential build-up of people. Stay put for a while to allow the exodus to subside.

Note your neighbours and tell any staff if you see robbery or violence. Based at each Property Lock-Up will be patrolling wardens who will be alert to any such occurrences, and there will be a greater Security and Police presence in the campsites, needing your help to be most effective. Security and Police all have individual numbers, different uniforms.

Tents are not at all secure. Sad persons who try to steal will find it harder if you take some basic precautions: postcode your camping equipment and valuables, use the free Property Lock-Ups and be inventive about secreting your money rather than leave it in your jeans overnight. Try not to leave your campsite unattended.

Arrange to meet friends at accessible places (not the classic Mixing Desk for example), best would be the Meeting Place or some quieter location on the map - and remember that time disappears at the Festival: so be prepared to wait. Disorientation easily sets in even to the most hardened - especially in the dark and in crowds.

If you get lost try leaving a message at any or all of the 5 Info Points, or with Radio Avalon. Lost children are cared for in the Children's Area until 8pm, after which they are taken to Welfare at the Wagonshed. The index cards at Info are best for serious messages and the message drums will always be delightfully plastered with paper. Info can also give you transport details, local towns and Festival information, directions, maps, post cards home, masses of juicy snippets, provide the Official Programme and refer you to the ultimate safety net - Welfare. You can send for a copy of the

Festival Welfare Services' Festival Survival Guide for a SAE to The Festival Office, 28 Northload Street, Glastonbury, BA6 9LL.

New this year is a souvenir review of the entertainment virtually as it happened available on site from Monday 26th June for £1. Advance orders for mailing can be placed at Info sites for £1.40 (including p&p). Proceeds will go to the local community arts centre, The Amulet.

Welfare advise bringing warm/waterproof clothing, sensible footwear (seriously), a torch (which won't help much finding your friends or tent in the dark, but may prevent you falling over) and washing your hands after using the loos. Welfare provide experienced, caring and confidential help with all kinds of

practical, personal and emotional problems. They also deal with lost and found property. Other physical problems are dealt with at Medical, or alternatively in the Greenfield.

Avoid burns to yourself and others by lighting fires very considerately, away from tents (especially nylon), without digging a hole, and without wood from the hedges. Always change camping gaz outside tents - never inside, even if it is raining. Stay cool, safe and well.

A greener Glastonbury has banned the use of polystyrene this year, setting the standard for outdoor events. All stall holders have been told this and you can do your bit too. The paper cups and plates can be re-pulped or composted if they are cleaned off before putting into the special containers. Please help this work and join the Green Litter Crew during the Litter Blitzes by collecting rubbish around your campsite. Bin bags are freely available from Information.

Getting Off

Illegal drugs are no more legal on site than off, and the police are patrolling. If you are foolish enough to experiment with drugs, this really isn't the place to start. If you react badly, the crowds and the sheer size of the Festival can be very frightening indeed. Drunkenness is antisocial. Drug/alcohol cocktails can be lethal. Prolonged exposure to high volume noise can cause severe hearing damage, as unprotected skin in the sun can cause cancer, or unprotected sex cause HIV - however good it all feels at the time.

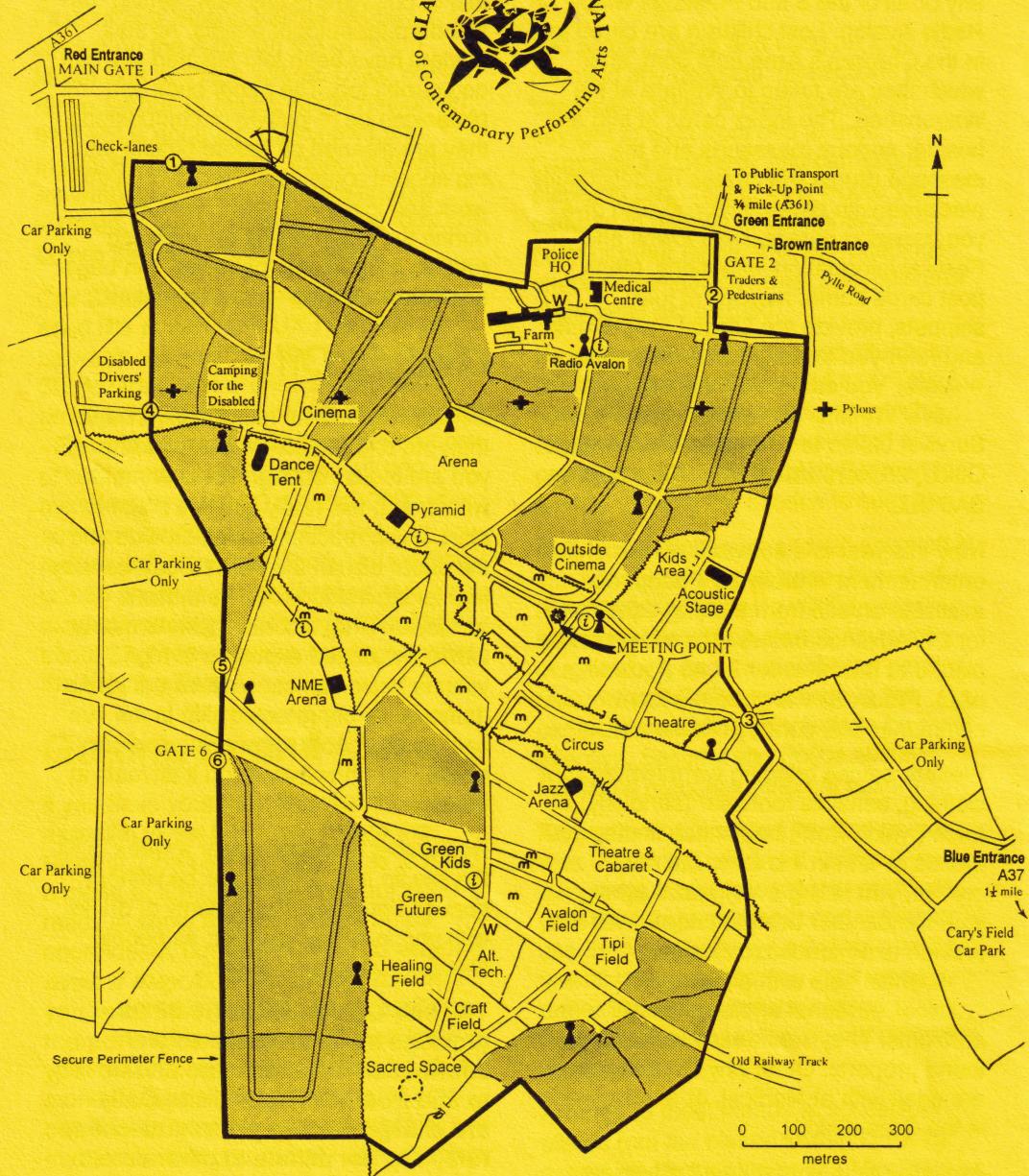
Remember that it took over a week to fill the site so it is not going to be without queues departing. Take plenty of drinks with you in sunny weather, as people also get overheated in cars.

The Info Line on 0839 66 88 99 provides up-to-the-minute information on performers and travel to and from the Festival site. Calls are charged at 39p per minute cheap rate, 49p per minute at other times.

The Ticketline is 01179 767 868.

This guide is compiled by Mid-Somerset CND's Festival Information - working for a hassle-free and safer world. We wish you a wild and wonderful time!

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● Property Lock-ups

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③ Pedestrian Entrances (numbered 1 to 6)

④ Information, programmes, telephones

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